

and animals in Nueces county, Texas, and to place said county under the provisions of Articles 7256 to 7304, both inclusive, Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, and providing for fees for inspector appointed by Governor, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 474 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 474, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and incorporating the Wilson Independent School District, in Lynn county, Texas, and defining the boundaries thereof, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 478 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 478, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 7 of Chapter 107, page 214, of the General Laws of the Thirty-second Legislature of 1911, and regulating the time for holding the district court in the various counties composing the Fiftieth Judicial District of Texas, so as to give Dickens county one more week, and validating processes, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 495 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 495, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Kirbyville Independent School District in Jasper county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 470 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 470, A bill to be entitled "An Act to enlarge the territory of the

Port Arthur Independent School District, so as hereafter to include a portion of Common School District No. 11 of Jefferson county, and providing that the territory so to be annexed to the Port Arthur Independent School District shall continue to pay its pro rata of taxes levied or to be levied for the payment of the interest and sinking fund of the bonds now outstanding of Common School District No. 11, and for the manner of their assessment and collection, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 479 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 479, A bill to be entitled "An Act enlarging and establishing the Liberty Independent School District, in Liberty county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

#### ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Mr. Bland, the House, at 5:30 o'clock p. m., adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

#### TWENTIETH DAY.

(Friday, February 2, 1917.)

The House met at 10 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment.

(Speaker Fuller in the chair.)

The roll was called, and the following members were present:

Bagby.	Bryant.
Baker.	Burton of Rusk.
Beard of Harris.	Burton of Tarrant.
Beard of Milam.	Butler.
Beasley.	Cadenhead.
Beason.	Canales.
Bedell.	Carlock.
Bell.	Cates.
Bertram.	Clark.
Blackburn.	Cope.
Blackmon.	Cox.
Blalock.	Crudgington.
Bland.	Davis of Dallas.
Bledsoe.	Davis of Grimes.
Boner.	Davis
Brown.	of Van Zandt.
Bryan.	De Bogory.



Denton.	Pillow.
Dodd.	Poage.
Dudley.	Pope.
Dunnam.	Raiden.
Estes.	Reeves.
Fairchild.	Richards.
Fisher.	Robertson.
Fitzpatrick.	Roemer.
Florer.	Rogers.
Fly.	Russell.
Greenwood.	Sackett.
Haidusek.	Sallas.
Hardey.	Sentell.
Harris.	Schlesinger.
Hartman.	Schlosshan.
Hawkins.	Scholl.
Hill.	Seawright.
Holland.	Sholars.
Hudspeth.	Smith of Bastrop.
Johnson.	Smith of Hopkins.
Jones.	Smith of Scurry.
Laas.	Spencer of Nolan.
Lacey.	Spencer of Wise.
Laney.	Spradley.
Lange.	Stewart.
Lanier.	Swope.
Lee.	Taylor.
Lindemann.	Templeton.
Lowe	Thomas.
of McMullen.	Thomason
Low	of El Paso.
of Washington.	Thomason
McComb.	of Nacogdoches.
McCoy.	Thompson
McDowra.	of Hunt.
McFarland.	Thompson
McMillin.	of Red River.
Martin.	Tillotson.
Meador.	Tilson.
Mendell.	Tinner.
Metcalfe.	Trayler.
Miller of Austin.	Tschoepe.
Miller of Dallas.	Upchurch.
Moore.	Valentine.
Morris.	Veatch.
Murrell.	Wahrmund.
Neeley.	Walker.
Neill.	Williams
Nichols.	of Brazoria.
Nordhaus.	Williams
O'Banion.	of McLennan.
O'Brien.	Williford.
Osborne.	Wilson.
Parks.	Woods.
Peddy.	Woodul.
Peyton.	Yantis.

Absent.

Monday.	Terrell.
Strayhorn.	White.

A quorum was announced present.

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. C. Mitchell, Chaplain.

## LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED.

Mr. Monday was granted leave of absence for yesterday on account of important business, on motion of Mr. Fisher.

## HOUSE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following House bills, introduced today, were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

By Mr. Thompson of Hunt:

H. B. No. 572, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 633, Revised Statutes of Texas of 1911, Code of Criminal Procedure, to provide the procedure for hearing and determining the issue of change of venue, by adding subdivisions 633a, 633b, 633c and 633d."

Referred to Committee on Reforms in Criminal Procedure.

By Mr. Smith of Scurry:

H. B. No. 573, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating a more efficient road system for Dickens county, Texas, and making county commissioners ex-officio road commissioners of their respective precincts, and prescribing their powers and duties as such, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

By Mr. Lowe of McMullen:

H. B. No. 574, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 2 of an act creating the Jourdan Independent School District in Atascosa county, Texas, being Chapter 79 of the Thirty-second Legislature of Texas, increasing the territory of said district; to amend Section 8 of said act, providing for the appointment of an assessor and collector for said district; to amend Section 23 of said act providing for the appointment of a board of equalization and prescribing its powers and duties; to amend Section 24 of said act regulating the time of payment of taxes, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

## BILLS ORDERED NOT PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. McCoy, it was ordered that Senate bill No. 152 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Thompson of Red River, it was ordered that House bill No. 440 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Metcalfe, it was



ordered that House bill No. 559 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, it was ordered that House bill No. 509 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Blackburn, it was ordered that House bill No. 542 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Blackmon, it was ordered that House bill No. 563 be not printed.

#### BILL ORDERED PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Moore, it was ordered that House bill No. 88, reported unfavorably, be printed.

#### BILLS RE-REFERRED.

On motion of Mr. Burton of Tarrant, House bill No. 232 was withdrawn from the Committee on Common Carriers and re-referred to the Committee on Labor.

On motion of Mr. Beard of Milam, House bill No. 497 was withdrawn from the Committee on Revenue and Taxation and re-referred to the Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Clark, House bill No. 566 was withdrawn from the Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence and was re-referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

#### BILL RECOMMITTED.

On motion of Mr. Fly, House bill No. 525 was recommitted to the Committee on Education.

#### MOTION TO RECOMMIT.

Mr. Blalock moved to recommit House bill No. 122 to the Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

Mr. Parks raised a point of order on consideration of the motion, on the ground that the House has tabled a motion to reconsider the vote by which a motion to recommit the bill was lost.

The Speaker sustained the point of order.

#### TENDERING USE OF HALL.

Mr. Thomas offered the following resolution:

Whereas, A great many members of the House are desirous of having a discussion of House bill No. 378; and

Whereas, There are now in Austin a number of well informed citizens of Texas, including both proponents and opponents of the measure; therefore, be it Resolved, That the use of the Hall

of the House of Representatives be tendered for that purpose tonight, February 2, 1917.

Signed—Davis of Dallas, Thomas, Spencer of Wise, Carlock, Burton of Tarrant, Bryant.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

#### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1 ON THIRD READING.

(Special Order.)

The Speaker laid before the House, as a special order for this hour, on its third reading and final passage,

H. J. R. No. 1, Proposing to amend the Constitution of the State of Texas by amending Article 16, Section 20 thereof, by striking out and repealing said section, and substituting in lieu thereof a new Section 20, prohibiting the manufacture for purposes of sale, barter or exchange, and the sale, barter and exchange of intoxicating liquors, on and after the first day of March, A. D. 1918, within this State, except for medicinal, scientific, fuel and sacramental purposes, and providing that the Legislature of the State of Texas shall at noon on the first day of March, A. D. 1918, by authority of this section, meet in session in the city of Austin and pass efficient laws to enforce this section; providing further, that this section shall not prevent any session of the Legislature from passing any law to enforce the same; and providing further, that all laws in force when this amendment is adopted, providing penalties or forfeitures in relation to the manufacture, sale or transportation of intoxicating liquors, shall remain in full force and effect until modified or repealed; fixing the time for the election for the adoption or rejection of said proposed constitutional amendment, directing a proclamation therefor and making certain provisions for said election and the ballots thereof, and method of voting; prescribing certain duties for the Governor of this State, and making an appropriation to defray the expenses of said election.

The resolution was read third time.

Mr. Bryan moved a call of the House for the purpose of maintaining a quorum until House Joint Resolution No. 1 is disposed of, and the call was duly seconded.

The Speaker then directed the Doorkeeper to close the main entrance to the Hall and instructed the Sergeant-at-Arms to lock all other doors leading



from the Hall, and stated that no member would be permitted to leave the Hall without written permission from the Speaker.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll and note the absentees.

The roll was called, and the following members were reported absent without leave:

Messrs. Monday, Peddy, Strayhorn and Terrell.

On motion of Mr. Bryan, the Sergeant-at-Arms was then instructed to bring in the absentees.

Pending the call of the House, Mr. Peddy came in and was marked present.

Mr. Canales offered the following amendment to the resolution (House Joint Resolution No. 1):

Amend by striking out all of Section 1 of the resolution and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"Section 1. That Article 16 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by striking out and repealing Section 20 thereof, and substituting in lieu of said Section 20, the following:

"Section 20. The manufacture, sale, exchange, intrastate and interstate shipment of spirituous, vinous and malt liquors and medicated bitters, capable of producing intoxication, except for medicinal, scientific and sacramental purposes on and after the first day of March, A. D. 1918, is hereby prohibited within this State. The Legislature of the State of Texas shall, at noon, on the first day of March, A. D. 1918, by authority of this section, meet in session in the city of Austin and pass efficient laws to enforce this section; but nothing in this section shall prevent any session of the Legislature from passing any law to enforce the same; and all laws in force when this amendment is adopted providing remedies, penalties, or forfeitures in relation to the manufacture, sale or transportation of intoxicating liquors shall remain in full force and effect until modified or repealed."

Mr. Bryan raised a point of order on consideration of the amendment, stating that it should not be entertained for the reason that practically the same proposition had been submitted, voted on and lost on the second reading of the resolution.

The Speaker overruled the point of order, stating that as this is a different stage in the progress of the resolution, the amendment was in order. The Speaker further held that when a bill or resolution has been taken up on its third reading amendments thereto are

in order, but shall require a two-thirds vote of the members present for their adoption.

The Speaker announced that the Sergeant-at-Arms had reported to him that Mr. Monday, Mr. Strayhorn and Mr. Terrell are absent and that Mr. Terrell is at his home in Cherokee county on account of being sick.

On motion of Mr. Bryan, the Sergeant-at-Arms was instructed to enforce the attendance of Mr. Monday and Mr. Strayhorn.

(Mr. Crudgington in the chair.)

Mr. Bryan moved to table the amendment offered by Mr. Canales.

Yeas and nays were demanded, and the motion to table prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—102.

Baker.	Lange.
Beard of Harris.	Lee.
Beard of Milam.	Lowe
Beasley.	of McMullen.
Bedell.	Low
Bell.	of Washington.
Bertram	McComb.
Blackburn	McCoy.
Blackmon	McDowra.
Blalock.	McFarland.
Bledsoe.	McMillin.
Boner.	Martin.
Brown.	Meador.
Bryan.	Miller of Austin.
Bryant.	Miller of Dallas.
Burton of Rusk.	Morris.
Butler.	Murrell.
Cadenhead.	Neeley.
Cates.	Neill.
Clark.	Nichols.
Cope.	Nordhaus.
Crudgington.	O'Banion.
Davis of Dallas.	O'Brien.
Davis	Osborne.
of Van Zandt.	Peddy.
De Bogory.	Peyton.
Denton.	Poage.
Dodd.	Pope.
Dudley.	Raiden.
Estes.	Reeves.
Fairchild.	Richards.
Fisher.	Rogers.
Florer.	Russell.
Fly.	Sackett.
Haidusek.	Sentell.
Hartman.	Schlesinger.
Hawkins.	Schlosshan.
Hill.	Scholl.
Hudspeth.	Seawright.
Johnson.	Smith of Bastrop.
Jones.	Smith of Hopkins.
Laas.	Smith of Scurry.
Lacey.	Spencer of Wise.
Laney.	Spradley.

Stewart.	Upchurch.
Thomas.	Veatch.
Thomason	Wahrmund.
of Nacogdoches.	White.
Thompson	Williams
of Hunt.	of Brazoria.
Tillotson.	Williford.
Tilson.	Wilson.
Tinner.	Woods.
Trayler.	Yantis.

Nays—36.

Bagby.	Pillow.
Beason.	Robertson.
Bland.	Roemer.
Burton of Tarrant.	Sallas.
Canales.	Sholars.
Carlock.	Spencer of Nolan.
Cox.	Swope.
Davis of Grimes.	Taylor.
Dunnam.	Templeton.
Fitzpatrick.	Thomason
Greenwood.	of El Paso.
Hardey.	Thompson
Harris.	of Red River.
Holland.	Tschoepe.
Lanier.	Valentine.
Lindemann.	Walker.
Mendell.	Williams
Metcalfe.	of McLennan.
Moore.	Woodul.
Parks.	

Absent.

Monday.	Terrell.
Strayhorn.	

(Speaker in the chair.)

Pending discussion of the resolution, Mr. Spradley, Mr. Reeves and Mr. Mendell occupied the chair temporarily.

Mr. Williams of McLennan moved the previous question on the passage of the resolution, and the main question was ordered.

Mr. Bryan moved to reconsider the vote by which the main question was ordered.

Yeas and nays were demanded, and the motion to reconsider prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—127.

Mr. Speaker.	Bledsoe.
Bagby.	Boner.
Baker.	Brown.
Beard of Milam.	Bryan.
Beasley.	Bryant.
Beason.	Burton of Rusk.
Bedell.	Burton of Tarrant.
Bell.	Butler.
Bertram.	Cadenhead.
Blackburn.	Canales.
Blackmon.	Carlock.
Blalock.	Cates.
Bland.	Clark.

Cope.	Pope.
Cox.	Raiden.
Crudgington.	Reeves.
Davis of Dallas.	Richards.
Davis of Grimes.	Robertson.
Davis	Roemer.
of Van Zandt.	Rogers.
De Bogory.	Russell.
Denton.	Sackett.
Dodd.	Sallas.
Dunnam.	Sentell.
Estes.	Schlesinger.
Fairchild.	Schlosshan.
Fisher.	Scholl.
Fitzpatrick.	Seawright.
Florer.	Sholars.
Fly.	Smith of Bastrop.
Greenwood.	Smith of Hopkins.
Haidusek.	Smith of Scurry.
Harris.	Spencer of Nolan.
Hawkins.	Spencer of Wise.
Hill.	Spradley.
Hudspeth.	Stewart.
Johnson.	Swope.
Jones.	Taylor.
Lacey.	Templeton.
Laney.	Thomas.
Lange.	Thomason
Lanier.	of El Paso.
Lee.	Thomason
McComb.	of Nacogdoches.
McCoy.	Thompson
McDowra.	of Hunt.
McFarland.	Thompson
McMillin.	of Red River.
Meador.	Tillotson.
Mendell.	Tilson.
Metcalfe.	Tinner.
Miller of Austin.	Trayler.
Miller of Dallas.	Tschoepe.
Moore.	Upchurch.
Morris.	Valentine.
Murrell.	Veatch.
Neeley.	Wahrmund.
Neill.	Walker.
Nichols.	White.
Nordhaus.	Williams
O'Banion.	of Brazoria.
O'Brien.	Williford.
Osborne.	Wilson.
Peddy.	Woods.
Peyton.	Woodul.
Pillow.	Yantis.
Poage.	

Nays—11.

Beard of Harris.	Lowe
Dudley.	of McMullen.
Hardey.	Martin.
Hartman.	Parks.
Holland.	Williams
Laas.	of McLennan.
Lindemann.	

Present—Not Voting.

Low
of Washington.

Absent.

Monday. Terrell.  
Strayhorn.

Mr. Bagby offered the following amendment to the resolution:

Amend by striking out the enacting clause of House Joint Resolution No. 1.

Yeas and nays were demanded, and the amendment was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—47.

Bagby.	Martin.
Beard of Harris.	Mendell.
Beason.	Miller of Austin.
Bland.	Nordhaus.
Brown.	O'Brien.
Burton of Tarrant.	Pillow.
Cates.	Pope.
Cox.	Robertson.
Denton.	Roemer.
Dudley.	Sallas.
Fisher.	Schlesinger.
Fitzpatrick.	Schlosshan.
Greenwood.	Scholl.
Haidusek.	Sholars.
Hardey.	Swope.
Harris.	Taylor.
Hartman.	Thomason
Holland.	of El Paso.
Laas.	Tillotson.
Lange.	Tschoepe.
Lanier.	Valentine.
Lindemann.	Wahrmund.
Lowe.	Walker.
of McMullen.	Woodul.
McFarland.	

Nays—88.

Mr. Speaker.	Estes.
Baker.	Fairchild.
Beard of Milam.	Florer.
Beasley.	Fly.
Bedell.	Hawkins.
Bell.	Hill.
Bertram.	Hudspeth.
Blackburn.	Johnson.
Blackmon.	Jones.
Blalock.	Lacey.
Bledsoe.	Laney.
Boner.	Lee.
Bryan.	McComb.
Bryant.	McCoy.
Burton of Rusk.	McDowra.
Butler.	McMillin.
Cadenhead.	Meador.
Carlock.	Metcalfe.
Clark.	Miller of Dallas.
Cope.	Moore.
Crudgington.	Morris.
Davis of Dallas.	Murrell.
Davis of Grimes.	Neeley.
Davis	Neill.
of Van Zandt.	Nichols.
De Bogory.	O'Banion.
Dodd.	Osborne.

Parks.	Thomas.
Peddy.	Thomason
Peyton.	of Nacogdoches.
Poage.	Thompson
Raiden.	of Hunt.
Reeves.	Thompson
Richards.	of Red River.
Rogers.	Tilson.
Russell.	Tinner.
Sackett.	Trayler.
Sentell.	Upchurch.
Seawright.	Veatch.
Smith of Bastrop.	White.
Smith of Hopkins.	Williams
Smith of Scurry.	of Brazoria.
Spencer of Nolan.	Williams
Spencer of Wise.	of McLennan.
Spradley.	Williford.
Stewart.	Wilson.
Templeton.	Woods.

Present—Not Voting.

Canales.	Dunnam.
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Absent.

Low	Strayhorn.
of Washington.	Terrell.
Monday.	Yantis.

Reason for Not Voting.

I decline to vote either way on this resolution because I believe it is a subterfuge and does not express the will of the prohibitionists of Texas. I believe that in the event it is submitted and adopted by the people that it will not prohibit the manufacture of intoxicating liquors in Texas except for the purpose of sale. That it permits importation from other States any amount of intoxicating liquors for personal use. That it will permit breweries to manufacture intoxicating liquors in Texas to be sold in other States or to be given away in Texas or for personal use. That under this resolution clubs will be organized in every town in Texas and that liquors will be shipped in from other States. That Texas will become a paradise for bootleggers.

DUNNAM.

Question recurred on the final passage of the resolution.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and House Joint Resolution No. 1 failed to pass by the following vote (not receiving the necessary two-thirds vote):

Yeas—89.

Mr. Speaker.	Bedell.
Baker.	Bell.
Beard of Milam.	Bertram.
Beasley.	Blackburn.

Blackmon.	O'Banion.
Blalock.	Osborne.
Bledsoe.	Parks.
Boner.	Peddy.
Bryan.	Peyton.
Bryant.	Poage.
Burton of Rusk.	Raiden.
Butler.	Reeves.
Cadenhead.	Richards.
Carlock.	Rogers.
Clark.	Russell.
Cope.	Sackett.
Crudgington.	Sentell.
Davis of Dallas.	Seawright.
Davis of Grimes.	Smith of Bastrop.
Davis	Smith of Hopkins.
of Van Zandt.	Smith of Scurry.
De Bogory.	Spencer of Nolan.
Dodd.	Spencer of Wise.
Estes.	Spradley.
Fairchild.	Stewart.
Florer.	Templeton.
Fly.	Thomas.
Hawkins.	Thomason
Hill.	of Nacogdoches.
Hudspeth.	Thompson
Johnson.	of Hunt.
Jones.	Thompson
Lacey.	of Red River.
Laney.	Tilson.
Lee.	Tinner.
McComb.	Trayler.
McCoy.	Upchurch.
McDowra.	Veatch.
McMillin.	White.
Meador.	Williams
Metcalfe.	of Brazoria.
Miller of Dallas.	Williams
Moore.	of McLennan.
Morris.	Williford.
Murrell.	Wilson.
Neeley.	Woods.
Neill.	Yantis.
Nichols.	

## Nays—47.

Bagby.	Lindemann.
Beard of Harris.	Lowe
Beason.	of McMullen.
Bland.	McFarland.
Brown.	Martin.
Burton of Tarrant.	Mendell.
Cates.	Miller of Austin.
Cox.	Nordhaus.
Denton.	O'Brien.
Dudley.	Pillow.
Fisher.	Pope.
Fitzpatrick.	Robertson.
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Haidusek.	Sallas.
Hardey.	Schlesinger.
Harris.	Schlosshan.
Hartman.	Scholl.
Holland.	Sholars.
Laas.	Swope.
Lange.	Taylor.
Lanier.	

Thomason	Valentine.
of El Paso.	Wahrmund.
Tillotson.	Walker.
Tschoepe.	Woodul.

## Present—Not Voting.

Canales.	Dunnam.
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## Absent.

Low	Strayhorn.
of Washington.	Terrell.
Monday.	

## Reasons for Votes.

In obedience to the instruction of both the State and county that elected me one of its Representatives, I vote "yea" on the submission amendment on its third reading. As I construe these instructions, this is my plain duty.

## CARLOCK.

I vote "nay" for the reason that a majority of the House voted against the Canales and Bagby substitute, which, if adopted, would have made Texas absolutely dry. This was overwhelmingly rejected by the prohibitionists, and when they rejected the idea to make Texas dry I do not believe that my people would expect me to vote for a half-baked measure that would make Texas dry in name only and which would permit more liquor into dry territory than it now has. I feel as if I obeyed my instruction when I voted for a measure that would make Texas bone dry, and in doing so I discharged my complete duty by my constituents. When the pro leaders admitted that they did not wish to make Texas dry I could not go with them under my instruction.

## LINDEMANN.

## Reason for Not Voting.

I refuse to vote on the final passage of this resolution, because I have come to believe that there is inconsistency and lack of sincerity in the position taken by the majority of this House in voting down the amendment offered by myself, being what is called the "bone dry" amendment, originally introduced by the gentleman from Hunt, Mr. Nichols, and offered as a substitute by the gentleman from Lavaca, Mr. Bagby, on last Friday, and which conforms to the language in which the people voted on submission on last July; because, first, it is inconsistent for a prohibitionist to be against making the State too dry; and, second, because the prohibitionist members of this House are now convinced, or should be convinced, since the vote taken on last Friday, that submission cannot carry in this House in any other form than the



one I offered, for it lacks not less than two votes; whereas, as I stated in my address, I have the pledges of not less than six members who voted and would vote against submitting this issue in the form advocated by the majority of this House, and who would vote to submit it in this form. In my opinion the blame for not submitting the constitutional amendment rests, or should rest, upon the shoulders of the prohibition members of this House. I, therefore, have decided to be a spectator to this transaction by being marked "present and not voting," having done all within my power to submit this issue in the only form in which it can pass this House.

#### CANALES.

Mr. Bagby moved to reconsider the vote by which the resolution failed to pass, and asked to have the motion to reconsider spread upon the Journal.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,  
Austin, Texas, February 2, 1917.  
Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed the following:

H. C. R. No. 6, Expressing confidence in President Woodrow Wilson, and assuring him of the loyalty of all Texans.

Respectfully,  
JOHN D. McCALL,  
Secretary of the Senate.

#### RELATING TO DONATION OF COLLEGE TO THE STATE.

Mr. Miller of Dallas submitted the following report of the committee to investigate the proposition relative to the donation of John Tarleton College to the State of Texas:

Hon. James E. Ferguson, Governor of Texas, Hon. W. P. Hobby, Lieutenant Governor, and Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House.

Gentlemen: We, your committee of the Senate and House in accordance with Concurrent Resolution No. 7, beg leave to make this our report of our investigations in pursuance of said resolution:

We left Austin on Monday night, January 29th, and arrived in Stephenville at noon Tuesday following, and spent the entire afternoon inspecting the John Tarleton College and the other properties offered to the State of Texas, by the said resolution No. 7, copy of which is hereto attached.

We found John Tarleton College lo-

cated within the corporate limits of the town of Stephenville, and consisting of the following buildings:

(a) Administration building erected in 1915, of brick construction, and consists of two stories and a high basement, lighted by electricity, heated by steam, water piped throughout the building, contains an auditorium of a seating capacity of about five hundred; building also contains administrative offices, sufficient class rooms, also laboratories for chemistry, physics and home economics.

(b) The dormitory for girls has a rooming capacity of about sixty; consists of two stories and a basement. This building is of brick veneer, with an imposing entrance and attractively located.

(c) The one-story Fine Arts building of brick construction, in which instruction in music is given.

All of said buildings are properly and neatly furnished and equipped, and we estimate that the three buildings, with the equipment and furnishings, are worth approximately \$85,000.

We also inspected the forty acres of land offered in the resolution, consisting of the eight acres, on which the present buildings are now situated and the thirty-two acres adjoining, and found this land well arranged and well adapted and suitably located for campus purposes, and valued, together with the improvements thereon, exclusive of the three buildings above mentioned, at approximately \$40,000.

We visited three 500-acre tracts of land, either one of which the committee believes to be suitable and near enough to the campus to meet the requirements for instructional purposes.

After a careful inspection of the properties referred to above, and a careful consideration of the educational needs of Texas, we recommend that the offer made by the citizens of Stephenville and Erath county be accepted by the State, and that a proper bill embodying such acceptance be enacted by this Legislature.

MILLER of Dallas,  
THOMASON of Nacogdoches,  
BLALOCK,  
JOHNSON,  
LOW of Washington,  
HARLEY,  
HENDERSON,  
WESTBROOK,  
GIBSON,  
HOPKINS,  
C. J. BARTLETT,  
Secretary of State.



## S. C. R. No. 7.

Whereas, The citizenship of Stephenville and Erath county propose to donate to the State of Texas what is known now as the John Tarleton College, consisting of the main building, girls' dormitory and Art building, all modern new brick buildings and valued at \$85,000.

And also a campus of forty acres of land, located in about four hundred yards of the depot at Stephenville and within less than one mile of the courthouse, valued at \$40,000.

And 500 acres of land located near the campus of the John Tarleton College, all tillable, nearly all in cultivation, and being good farming land, within one mile of the town of Stephenville, valued at \$50,000.

Also a students' loan fund of \$75,000, to be used by the Board of Regents in control of this institution, to be loaned to the students attending this college, at a rate of interest not exceeding five per cent, upon such terms and plans as devised, either in the bills hereinafter introduced, either by said college or the board in control, the sum being a grand total of \$250,000, this donation to be made provided the State will establish a junior branch of the A. and M. College at said place, said branch to be placed under the control and management of the Board of Regents of the present A. and M. College of Texas; and

Whereas, The expenses incurred by reason of this investigation are to be paid by said citizens of Stephenville, Texas; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of Texas, the House of Representatives concurring, That a committee of five members of the Senate, to be appointed by the President of the Senate, and five members of the House of Representatives, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House, and the Governor of Texas, the Hon. James E. Ferguson, or someone delegated by him, may be selected as a committee to visit the city of Stephenville not later than January 30, 1917, to go through said buildings and grounds, investigate thoroughly the aforesaid proposition, and report back to the Legislature and to the Governor of this State, not later than February 3, 1917, the said committee making full and complete report in writing, addressed to the Governor of this State, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, making full recommendations as in the judgment

of said committee they deem proper and expedient, and it is so ordered.

Mr. Miller of Dallas moved to adopt the report.

Mr. Bryant moved to refer the report to the Committee on Education.

Question first recurring on the motion to refer, it prevailed.

## BILLS SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER.

The Speaker signed, in the presence of the House, after giving due notice thereof, and their captions had been read severally, the following enrolled bills:

H. B. No. 163, "An Act creating and establishing Freeport Independent School District, in Brazoria county, Texas, defining and describing it by metes and bounds, providing for election of trustees therefor, providing for it to assume the outstanding indebtedness of Common School District No. 35 in said county, vesting in it the title to all school property of said Common School District No. 35, providing for the government thereof as under the general laws applicable to towns and villages incorporated for free school purposes only, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 240, "An Act creating the Eighty-first Judicial District of Texas, to be composed of Falls county; prescribing the jurisdiction and fixing the times for holding court and empaneling grand juries in said district; providing for the completion by the judge of the Fifty-fourth Judicial District of such term of court as may be in session in said county as a part of said Fifty-fourth Judicial District at the time this act takes effect; providing for the appointment and tenure and fixing salary of a judge for said Eighty-first Judicial District; providing for the appointment of an official court reporter therefor; providing for the present district clerk of Falls county to be the clerk of the said Eighty-first District and continue to hold office for the term for which he was elected; providing for the trial and disposition by said Eighty-first District Court of all business pending in said district court of Falls county at the time this act shall take effect, and for the return of all writs and process to and cognizance of all bonds and recognizances by said district court of Falls county as constituting the Eighty-first Judicial District, which shall have been issued, entered into or filed in connection with any business of said Falls county district court prior to the taking effect of this act; repealing that part of Section 3 of Chapter 3 of

the General Laws enacted by the Regular Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature which constituted Falls county a part of the Fifty-fourth Judicial District, and that part of Section 8 of said act wherein it provides for the holding of court in Falls county as a part of said Fifty-fourth Judicial District, as well as repealing all other laws and part of laws in conflict with this act, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 269, "An Act creating the Odem Independent School District, known as Common School District No. 7 in San Patricio county, Texas; including within its limits the town of Odem and defining its boundaries; and providing for the creating of trustees thereof and conferring upon the board of trustees practically plenary powers; providing for a board of equalization, and prescribing the duties and authorities thereof and further prescribing the duties, authority and limitation of the board of trustees; declaring valid an issue or issues of bonds heretofore voted; giving the county board of trustees concurrent jurisdiction with the Legislature in changing the boundary lines of said district; making all changes in districts affected by this act; prescribing the time when this act shall become effective, and repealing all laws in conflict herewith in so far as they conflict with this act."

H. B. No. 292, "An Act creating and establishing Brazoria Independent School District in Brazoria county, Texas, defining and describing it by metes and bounds, providing for election of trustees therefor, providing for it to assume the outstanding indebtedness of Common School District No. 21 in said county, vesting in it the title to all school property of said Common School District No. 21, providing for the government thereof as under the general law applicable to towns and villages incorporated for free school purposes only, and declaring an emergency."

#### ADJOURNMENT.

Mr. Woods moved that the House adjourn until 10 o'clock a. m. next Monday.

Mr. Tillotson moved that the House adjourn until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

Question first recurring on the motion of Mr. Woods, yeas and nays were demanded.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

#### Yeas—75.

Bagby.	Neeley.
Beard of Harris.	Neill.
Beason.	Nordhaus.
Bedell.	O'Banion.
Blackburn.	O'Brien.
Bland.	Parks.
Bledsoe.	Pillow.
Brown.	Poage.
Bryant.	Pope.
Burton of Tarrant.	Reeves.
Canales.	Richards.
Cates.	Robertson.
Cox.	Roemer.
Crudgington.	Rogers.
Davis of Grimes.	Sallas.
Davis	Schlesinger.
of Van Zandt.	Schlosshan.
Denton.	Scholl.
Dudley.	Sholars.
Estes.	Smith of Bastrop.
Fairchild.	Smith of Scurry.
Fisher.	Spencer of Nolan.
Fitzpatrick.	Spencer of Wise.
Greenwood.	Swope.
Haidusek.	Thomason
Hartman.	of El Paso.
Hill.	Thompson
Hudspeth.	of Red River.
Jones.	Tinner.
Lacey.	Tschoepe.
Laney.	Upchurch.
Lange.	Valentine.
Lanier.	Wahrmond.
Lindemann.	Walker.
Lowe	White.
of McMullen.	Williams
McFarland.	of McLennan.
Martin.	Woods.
Meador.	Woodul.
Moore.	Yantis.

#### Nays—60.

Mr. Speaker.	Hardey.
Baker.	Harris.
Beard of Milam.	Hawkins.
Beasley.	Holland.
Bell.	Johnson.
Bertram.	Laas.
Blackmon.	Lee.
Blalock.	McComb.
Boner.	McCoy.
Bryan.	McDowra.
Burton of Rusk.	McMillin.
Butler.	Mendell.
Cadenhead.	Miller of Austin.
Carlock.	Miller of Dallas.
Clark.	Morris.
Cope.	Murrell.
Davis of Dallas.	Nichols.
De Bogory.	Peddy.
Dodd.	Peyton.
Dunnam.	Raiden.
Florer.	Russell.
Fly.	Sackett.



Sentell.	Thompson
Seawright.	of Hunt.
Smith of Hopkins.	Tillotson.
Stewart.	Tilson.
Taylor.	Trayler.
Templeton.	Veatch.
Thomas.	Williams
Thomason	of Brazoria.
of Nacogdoches.	Williford.
	Wilson.

Absent.

Low	Osborne.
of Washington.	Spradley.
Metcalfe.	Strayhorn.
Monday.	Terrell.

The House, accordingly, at 6:30 o'clock p. m., adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m. next Monday.

#### APPENDIX.

##### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COUNTIES.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 1, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Counties, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 37, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Haidusek has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

HARDEY, Chairman.

##### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JURISPRUDENCE.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 1, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, to whom was referred House bill No. 433, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

WILLIAMS of McLennan, Chairman.

##### REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 1, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education,

to whom was referred House bill No. 546, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 1, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 434, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 1, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 509, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 1, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 418, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 1, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 405, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 1, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 440, have had the same under consid-

eration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.  
THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, February 1, 1917.  
Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 525, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.  
THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, February 1, 1917.  
Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 402, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.  
THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, February 1, 1917.  
Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 126, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.  
THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, February 1, 1917.  
Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 211, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.  
THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, February 2, 1917.  
Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 559, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.  
THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, February 1, 1917.  
Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 72, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass, with amendment. Mr. Blalock has been appointed to make a full report thereon.  
THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, February 1, 1917.  
Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Game and Fisheries, to whom was referred House bill No. 467, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass, with amendments. Mr. Beason has been appointed to make a full report thereon.  
BAKER, Chairman.

#### REPORTS OF JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, February 2, 1917.  
Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred House bill No. 563, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Blackburn has been appointed to make a full report thereon.  
BRYANT, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, February 2, 1917.  
Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred House bill No. 10, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Butler has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

BRYANT, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, February 2, 1917.  
Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee, to



whom was referred House bill No. 571, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Thompson of Red River has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

BRYANT, Chairman.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINES AND MINING.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 2, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Mines and Mining, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 68, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass, with committee amendment. Mr. Peyton has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

BEARD of Milam, Chairman.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 2, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Insurance, to whom was referred House bill No. 515, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Carlock has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

PILLOW, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 2, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Insurance, to whom was referred House bill No. 519, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Carlock has been appointed to make a full report hereon.

PILLOW, Chairman.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 2, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Public

Health, to whom was referred House bill No. 360, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass, with committee amendment. Mr. Schlesinger has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

DAVIS of Grimes, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 1, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Public Health, to whom was referred House bill No. 521, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Schlesinger has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

DAVIS of Grimes, Chairman.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON REVENUE AND TAXATION.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 1, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Revenue and Taxation, to whom was referred House bill No. 316, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Scholl has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

CRUDGINGTON, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 2, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Revenue and Taxation, to whom was referred House bill No. 25, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

CRUDGINGTON, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 1, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Revenue and Taxation, to whom was referred House bill No. 485, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the



recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Williams of Brazoria has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

CRUDGINGTON, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, February 1, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Revenue and Taxation, to whom was referred House bill No. 171, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Valentine has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

CRUDGINGTON, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, February 2, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Revenue and Taxation, to whom was referred House bill No. 514, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Williams of Brazoria has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

CRUDGINGTON, Vice-Chairman.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON ROADS, BRIDGES AND FERRIES.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, February 1, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred House bill No. 259, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

BLAND, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, February 1, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred House bill No. 516, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

BLAND, Chairman.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, January 30, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred House bill No. 365, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass, with committee amendments. Mr. Tillotson has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

WOODUL, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, January 30, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred House bill No. 368, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass, with committee amendments. Mr. Tillotson has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

WOODUL, Chairman.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON EN- ROLLED BILLS.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, February 2, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 240, "An Act creating the Eighty-second Judicial District of Texas, to be composed of Falls county, and rearranging the terms of the Fifty-fourth Judicial District and eliminating Falls county from said Fifty-fourth District; prescribing the time for empaneling grand juries in said Fifty-fourth District; prescribing the jurisdiction and fixing the times for holding court and empaneling grand juries in said Eighty-second District; providing for the completion by the judge of the Fifty-fourth Judicial District of such term of court as may be in session in either county of said Fifty-fourth Judicial District as now constituted at the time this act takes effect; providing for the appointment and tenure and fixing salary of a judge for said Eighty-second Judicial District; providing for the appointment of an official



court reporter therefor; providing for the present district clerk of Falls county to be the clerk of the said Eighty-second District and continue to hold office for the term for which he was elected; providing for the trial and disposition by said Eighty-second District Court of all business pending in said district court of Falls county at the time this act shall take effect, and for the return of all writs and process to and cognizance of all bonds and recognizances by said district court of Falls county as constituting the Eighty-second Judicial District, which shall have been issued, entered into or filed in connection with any business of said Falls county district court prior to the taking effect of this act; repealing that part of Section 3 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws enacted by the Regular Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature, which constituted Falls county a part of the Fifty-fourth Judicial District, and that part of Section 8 of said act wherein it provides for the holding of court in Falls county as a part of said Fifty-fourth Judicial District, as well as repealing all other laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act, and declaring an emergency."

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 3:50 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

McCOY, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, February 2, 1917.

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